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## 3¢ Lincoln Stamp

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U.S. POSTAGE

*Abraham Lincoln*



3<sup>c</sup>

UNITED STATES POSTAGE

## Special POD Help On Lincoln FDC's

Collectors desiring first day covers bearing the 3c Lincoln Sesquicentennial stamp, to be issued February 27, at New York City, may send remittances to cover the 4c first-class rate. The New York post office will affix one of the new February 27 purple Lincoln commemoratives and one of the 1c value to be released February 12 at Hodgenville, Kentucky, according to Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

Since both stamps will feature portraits, and will be arranged vertically, they constitute an ideal combination. No other 1c stamps will be affixed at New York. However, those who desire a pair or block of the new 3c value rather than a combination may request them in the usual manner.

Others who prefer to have a single 3c adhesive affixed to a post card may do so; the domestic post card rate is 3c. The Post Office Department applies the first day cancellation only to first-class mail. Those desiring first day covers of the 3c Lincoln Sesquicentennial commemorative may send their orders to the Postmaster, New York 1, N. Y., at any time up to and including February 26. The outer wrapping should bear the identification "First Day Covers—Lincoln 3c Stamp".

In the case of the 1c Lincoln Sesquicentennial stamp, collectors may send their orders for first day covers to the postmaster at Hodgenville, Ky. up to February 11. The Post Office Department has urged collectors to remember that first day envelopes for this 1c item must bear a block of four stamps. Addresses should be placed low and to the left to allow for this.

Two factors should be borne in mind by those sending for first day covers. The first is that the pictorial machine cancellation requires a space of approximately 2½ inches from the top. In the case of the 1c and 3c Lincoln commemoratives — since they are vertical — provision should also be made to allow a space 2 inches in from the right side of the envelope.

The second factor is that a filler of postal card thickness should be inserted to prevent buckling, with the envelope flap either turned in or sealed. This filler should fit as closely as possible to assure an unbroken cancellation impression.

It is expected that Postmaster Arthur E. Summerfield will speak at the first day ceremonies at The Cooper Union in New York on February 27, and that George M. Moore, Executive Assistant to the Postmaster General, will represent the Department at Hodgenville on February 12.

L. Rohe Walter, Special Assistant to the Postmaster General, will be the speaker at Astoria, Ore., when the 4c Oregon Statehood centennial commemorative goes on sale there February 14. Requests for first day covers for this stamp may be sent to the postmaster, Astoria, Ore.

The 3c Lincoln Sesquicentennial commemorative stamp to be released at New York, N.Y. on February 27, will be printed in purple. A temporary postal station will be established at The Cooper Union on that date to accommodate collectors who wish to obtain first day cancellations there.

## February 27 3c Lincoln Recalls Two Great Figures

The ceremonies for the release of the February 27 Abraham Lincoln 3c commemorative in New York City will be held at 11:15 a. m. in the Great Hall of The Cooper Union at 4th Ave. and 8th St., in downtown Manhattan. Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield will be the principal representative of the Post Office Department, and other high government officials have been invited to participate.

The ceremony, lasting 45 minutes, will be open to the public, admission-free, but no seats will be reserved. The Great Hall which seats about 1600 persons, is the same room in which Abraham Lincoln, on February 27, 1860, delivered the famous Cooper Union address which helped to win for him the Republican nomination for the Presidency.

The New York Post Office will set up a one-day substation in the corridor of the Great Hall, to be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., February 27. First day covers and stamps may be purchased there, and letters with first day cancellations may be mailed. Advance requests for the mailing of first day covers should be sent to the New York postmaster, but requests for invitations to the ceremony may be sent to the above address.

The Post Office Department has suggested that the 1c Lincoln stamp to be issued on February 12 be used with the 3c to provide first-class postage for first day covers on February 27.

Many interesting and important, yet not widely known, facts concern the Union and Lincoln, as well as the founder of the organization. The Great Emancipator's first political speech in the East was made in the Great Hall of The Cooper Union on February 27, 1860. At that time Lincoln had been mentioned in the West as a possible Republican nominee for the 1860 presidential election, but he was little known in the East.

The Cooper Union speech, firmly advocating national unity but strongly opposing the extension of slavery beyond the South, was favorably received and helped to secure the nomination and later the presidency for Lincoln.

On the afternoon of February 27, 1860, Lincoln, while seeing New York for the first time, stopped at the Broadway studio of the famous photographer, Matthew Brady. The portrait of him that Brady made that day was used extensively in the forthcoming campaign. Shortly before he died in 1865, Lincoln, while conversing about his political career, said: "Brady and Cooper Institute (Union) made me President."

The United States Post Office De-

partment, in scheduling the issuance of a new set of commemorative stamps in honor of the Lincoln Sesquicentennial, chose also to honor The Cooper Union's 100th birthday by conducting the first day sale of the 3c denomination at The Cooper Union on the 99th anniversary of Lincoln's Cooper Union address.

Peter Cooper, pioneer American inventor and industrialist, founded the Cooper Union in 1859 when he was 68 years old. As a boy and young man, he had been too poor to obtain an education. It became his dream that some day he might be able to provide a free education for others.

That dream, which has been a reality for a century, today provides completely free college education for talented young men and women in art and engineering at The Cooper Union. It also provides free educational opportunities for thousands of people of all ages who attend the famous Cooper Union Forum and adult education courses.

Because of the generosity of Peter Cooper and other benefactors, but without public aid of any sort, The Cooper Union today occupies two buildings at Cooper Square, New York City and plans this year to start construction of a third in the course of the observance of its 100th anniversary.

Four education divisions carry out The Cooper Union's program of tuition-free instruction. They are: The School of Engineering, the Art School, the Adult Education Division, and the Museum for the Arts of Decoration.

Peter Cooper built his wealth upon a glue and isinglass factory operated on Long Island, although his interests were unusually wide and varied. He it was who in 1830 built the first American locomotive, a modest little contraption, but still capable of being operated.

Buried deeply in his record is the fact that he foresaw the internal combustion engine. The world was not yet acquainted with gasoline, and in his experiments he took recourse to gunpowder for fuel — at the ultimate cost of the loss of an eye. Thereupon he went back to steam power.

The new 3c Lincoln commem released February 27 at NYC is a good looking stamp. It should work in quite well with that beautiful 1c and the coming 4c. However, don't try to combine these three with that 4c "horror" the Lincoln-Douglas Debate which is supposed to be part of the Lincoln Birth Sesquicentennial issue. The latter is enough to give ~~one~~ the shudders.

When the 3c Lincoln commem was issued via ceremonies at the Cooper Union in New York City, the school itself sponsored a generous service for the visitors. It prepared souvenir programs. On the left inside page there was a space for the new stamps and the first day hand cancel. A stamp and cancel were applied in this space.

These then were given, one only, to each visitor. I suppose some were able to chisel an extra or two, but not yours truly. I had to be satisfied with one in spite of the fact that I had promised several souvenir-program collecting friends to "do my best" for them.

The ceremony began unforgivably late. After the show once "got on the road" it was appropriate and interesting. Officials of the Cooper Union are to be commended for their arrangement of the affair.

Not so good were the facilities for the sale of the new stamp and its 1c brother. It was almost necessary to wear a football uniform for bodily protection—many never did make the attempt in the crush. It was also an almost futile project to get items cancelled.

I understand there was still a large crowd wanting service and stamps at 4:30 p.m. when the POD stopped the selling and postmarking. The collectors got quite nasty about it threatening to start a riot.

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After this weeks flying trip to Washington and New York for the 4 and 8¢ Martin and the 3¢ Lincoln and return Friday night to attend the American Philatelic Society Mid year Convention here in Detroit shortly after being at the INTERPEX show in New York for a few minutes I guess the slogan once suggested to us may certainly be appropriate, "We were there". Every time we do it we have to sit back and marvel at modern transportation. We make a trip today, in at the most 2 hours, that took our forefathers days and sometimes weeks to complete.

It may be indicative of the increasing popularity of First Day Cover collecting or the popularity of the Lincoln series but in conversation with some of the Post Office personnel there they also noticed that the bedlam did not exist for the Atlantic Cable stamp issued there last August as existed for the issuance of the 3¢ Lincoln. Lines were long at both the stamp window and the cancelling window until very late in the afternoon.

To those that receive our Bulletin each month please bear with us on this repetition but each month we send out sample mailings from membership lists and at the request of our friends like yourself and always make this note: If you are receiving this Bulletin for the First Time and had not requested it it is a SAMPLE MAILING. We seldom repeat sample mailings so if you would like to receive our Bulletin each month you can do so by 1. Joining our First Day Cover Club, 2. Place an order from the Bulletin or 3. Merely ask for it to be sent to you. In the latter case we do not require postage but if you include postage for the next 12 issues (36¢) we will send you a nice gift item worth this much and more. Members let us know if you want a sample sent to a friend. Your satisfaction is guaranteed and any items ordered may be returned within 5 days for cash refund or credit if not fully satisfied. BUT ALWAYS ORDER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS MANY OF THE ITEMS WE LIST ARE ON HAND IN VERY LIMITED QUANTITY. ON WITH THE LISTINGS:

- 3-1 The same card as on our Item 2-1 except franked with the 3¢ stamp in the Lincoln Series and cancelled with First Day Cancel in N. Y. last week (2-27). Beautiful in its simplicity, not gaudy but a welcome addition to your collection as a frontispiece or framed for your stamp den. Only 50¢ each and well worth it.
- 3-2 A beautiful purple (color of the stamp) maximum card post card size vertical format with early picture of Lincoln at the time of his Cooper Union Speech and an old photo of the Cooper Union Building as he saw it. Franked and cancelled as above. Limited quantity on hand at 35¢ each.
- 3-3 Maximum card post card size picturing bust by Gutzon Borglum as on the stamp. A must for every collection. Stamped and cancelled as above and guaranteed to please --- 50¢ each.
- 3-4 Large photo of the Cooper Union Building where the speech Lincoln delivered was considered to be a turning point upward in his race for the Presidency. Size 7 X 9 vertical format to fit your album page. Stamped and cancelled as above. Few on hand 50¢ each.
- 3-5 A smaller post card size photo of the Cooper Union Building as Lincoln saw it. Stamped and cancelled as above 25¢ each
- 3-6 A beautifully ENGRAVED black post card size Maximum Card bearing one of the finest Lincoln portraits with facsimile of his autograph as appears on the stamp. Stamped and cancelled as above 50¢ each.
- 3-7 A large 6 X 9 VERTICAL format Maximum Card picturing the famous Lincoln Statue in the Memorial Building at Washington in soft blue lighting. Another must for the collector. Stamped and cancelled as above and again very few on hand Only 75¢ each.
- 3-8 Souvenir Folder- House Where Lincoln Died and Lincoln Museum. We picked these up in Washington because it had a very appropriate profile of Lincoln on the face of the folder. Stamped and cancelled as above only 50¢ each
- 3-9 Cancelled stamps as on items 2-6a, b and c but specify 1 or 3¢ stamp when ordering and use same numbers to order but specify.

- 3-10 Another 1¢ Lincoln item Not listed before-- Healy portrait of Lincoln, same as the one on the stamp Post card size Maximum card in Full Color. Stamped with 1¢ stamps and cancelled First Day of Issue at Hodgenville, Ky. Only 50¢ each.
- 3-11 Another Lincoln- Douglas Special Item-- With a story behind it too. This is a printing of an old photo of the actual scene of the Lincoln Douglas Debate. The owner sent it out to be copied and during the process says it was harmed and had to be restored. We offer a maximum card from the printing size 5 X 8 inches on horizontal format printed in light brown on linen effect paper Stamped with Lincoln Douglas stamp and cancelled First Day of Issue at Freeport, Ill. Only 75¢ each.
- 3-12 A similar scene as the above only post card size franked and cancelled as item 3-11 only 45¢ each.
- 3-13 Lincoln - Douglas Item-- A souvenir folder entitled "The Great Debates 1858- 1958" Containing the story of the debates very beautifully illustrated size 6 X 9 vertical format. Fits an album page perfectly without crowding and may be opened to display to anyone looking at your collection. The stamp is on the front for exhibiting at stamp shows and will lay flat without bulging when exhibited under glass as many of these items are exhibited. Stamped and cancelled as above only 95¢ each SCARCE
- 3-14 Program of the Centennial Commemoration of the Freeport Debate. Size 4 x 8 vertical format window fold. Contains the complete schedule of events for the celebration there and pictures the scene of the debate, franked and cancelled as above only 50¢
- 3-15 Remember the old style campaign posters with their antique printing. This one announces the Lincoln Douglas Debate of August 27th 1858. Pictures Lincoln and Douglas in their latest portraits of the period. Replica of old type printing and poster size 7 by 10 inch horizontal format in black and red on buff board stock. Franked and cancelled as above only 50¢ each

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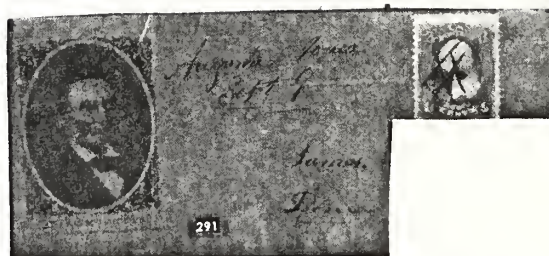
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291  **3c Rose (65).** Ms. cancel, ms. **Augusta, Iowa**, pmk. on **Lincoln Campaign** cover with beardless portrait in Frame, Mendel, Chicago Impt., used to Colo. Terr., Fine ..... (Photo) **E. VI**



